



Nancy Wyman

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Healthcare Cabinet Meeting Minutes June 13, 2017

Members in Attendance: Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Ellen Andrews, Pat Baker, Kurt Barwis, Miriam Delphin Rittmon (DMHAS), Theodore Doolittle (OHA), Anne Foley (OPM), Bonita Grubbs, Marguerite Giuliano, Dr. William Handelman, Frances Padilla, Dr. Raul Pino (DPH), Jordan Scheff (DDS), Robert Tessier, Jim Wadleigh (Access Health CT), Dr. Ricka Wolman (DCF), Kate McEvoy (DSS)

Members via Phone: Susan Adams, Hussam Saada and Joshua Wojcik

Members Absent: Benjamin Barnes (OPM), Gary Letts, Michael Michaud, John Oraziotti, Lawrence Santilli, Greg Stanton, Shelly Sweatt, Katharine Wade (CID), Anne Foley (OPM)

Others present: Victoria Veltri (Lt. Governor Office), Demian Fontanella (OHA)

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1.	Call to order & Introductions	The Lieutenant Governor welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Public Comment	No public comment was made	
3.	Review & Approval of minutes	Vote to approve May minutes.	May minutes approved. Motioned by Pat Baker and seconded by Frances Padilla.
4.		Vicki presented a handout on specifically drug related legislation/Healthcare Cabinet. Discussed each section with bills that have been passed on the regular session by the Legislation. Update on the legislation that passed this session. A more thorough update when special session has ended will be given. The bills ranged from provider/carrier charges, bill negotiating and facility fees. Additional one will be discussed when the special session passes.	
		Senate Bill #444 is a bill that came out of the Cost Containment Study and a recommendation that came out of the Healthcare Cabinet. The legislature adds to duty of Cabinet methods to collect, analyze and report healthcare spending data. Effective in 10/2017 office of the strategy will be contained in the budget.	
		Senate Bill #445 that is consolidated bill from many bills that was put into a larger bill started as bill on fairness in pharmacy and pharmacy benefit contracts and was amended to include provisions from other bills. The bill is regarding gag costs and providing consumer with pricing of prescription. Restrictions on pharmacists on disclosing costs and less costly methods to save. Another bill indirect purchasers pharmaceuticals PBMS, wholesaler's indirect purchasers can recover for antitrust violations. Overcharge of prescription passed on to someone else. Provision that	

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		<p>the Attorney General was interested in. Providers to have access to pricing for staying within budgeted amount the value priced from carrier and third party administrators. Purpose also is APCD reports on cost across the state on access to billed and negotiated amounts providers charge for services but also amount carriers pay.</p>	
		<p>By directional provision HIT and HIE insure information goes out and comes in for care delivery going both ways. Providers share across the spectrum for care delivery model. Bill also includes minor changes notification on facility fees for the patient's protection 15-146 known as 811 protection. Senate# 795 CON program we expect for bill to be taken up during the special session budget process.</p>	
		<p>House Bill #5077 Act concerning return of prescription drugs called a strike all to accept prescription drugs for collection and disposal. Commissioner of Department of Consumer Protection had the authority to adopt regulations allowing up to 50 pharmacies in the calendar year for collection. DCP worked with DEEP on ways of proper disposal sites.</p>	
		<p>House Bill #7052 is the Governor's Opioid Bill all though pharmacy pricing Bill related to Healthcare Cabinet work and multiple provisions. Some lifted from another Bill negotiating among administration and legislation. Thanks Commissioner Dr. Pino and Delphin-Rittmon worked hard with advocates and stakeholders regarding data sharing.</p>	
		<p>Kate congratulated Dr. Pino for his leadership in the bills passing on bringing it forward. Miriam commented on one provision getting rid of unused medications. She stated that in 2016 over thirty three thousand pounds of unused medications were collected at advertised 77 drop boxes.</p>	

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		<p>DCP and DPH advertised where the boxes are located. Provision will increase numbers to dispose safely. Dr. Pino reported that CDC visited Connecticut and were really impressed with the structural changes and how fast CT has acted on the opioid crisis data sharing to analyze trends on the purchasing and used behaviors on overdoses seen.</p>	
		<p>Vicki shared the projected survey monkey results. She discussed who choose which group. Spoke with Senator Looney's office regarding bill task.</p> <p>Four work groups are as follow:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pricing - performance based pricing, value based pricing, and indication based pricing 2. Review of other states and CT's Legislative initiatives and administrative policy, including pricing 3. Transparency in pricing - costs to consumers, options to drive costs down, policy-making and analysis 4. Education - consumer; provider; prevention and health promotion efforts, role of pharmacists <p>Please advise Cabinet if you need to make a change on the work group you've chosen or know of others that chose and don't appear. An updated list will soon come out to some people were specific others were just general.</p>	
		<p>Vicki recapped on the six principals which are: Commitment to Impact, Equity and Delivery to Access, Leverage, Accountability and Transparency, Inclusion and Action</p>	

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		<p>Frances recommended to focus on principles for developing work groups. Sue Ellen suggested online meetings due to summer to speed things up. Bonita asked, "Will it be a vision and what are the points?" She is on the consumer side she wants to protect the consumer's voice.</p>	
		<p>Vicki said it adopting a set of principles approval probably should bring out statue for making recommendations. We could visit the area and even look at the SIM vision broad. Frances asked, "What is the impact on SIM vision?" Lieutenant Governor Wyman asked for suggestions on how to call meetings and should have deadlines. Pat Baker suggested having work groups ready before November 15 to process. Lieutenant Governor Wyman stated October 31, 2017 for the deadline. Vicki discussed the SIM vision steering committee adopted. Vicki mentioned in the article prescribe people of color prescribe medication differently not adequately prescribed. Bonita requested the article be circulated. Pat Baker questioned if it would be helpful for work groups to meet first and discuss. We will update the list to get in touch with chairs to help with timeline suggested by Frances giving people an opportunity to comment.</p>	
		<p>Dr. Ricka Wolman introduces herself and is taking over Kristina Stevens position and is interested in the Education work group. Ted agrees and will meet as quickly as he can with his group. Vicki suggested to please reach out to the group chair for interested group to be on the list of meetings or any questions members may have. Ellen mentioned that Ana Foley was very interested in the Value Pricing work group. OPM should be on workgroups.</p>	

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		<p>Allan Hackney presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Health Information Technology. He explained the process with stakeholder outreach, findings and Legislative Overview. He discussed five topics covered through the engagement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health IT Current State 2. Health IT Desired State 3. Clinical Quality 4. Technical Assistance, Education, Training 5. Governance 	
		<p>Found method covered in the visual providers' big hospital system and secondary tiers are the stakeholder domain. Allan mentioned if they don't, you have to embrace and recognize the people. He also stated the ability to imply delivering care in fashion.</p>	
		<p>Allan discussed neutral and trusting. In neutral, no active participating/level planning. In trusting, mechanisms are in place and how data is exchanged. Allan stated that material will be on the Health IT Advisory Council Website for all to view. Kurt commented that he will be speaking in London hospital consortium focused cost savings and clinical outcomes. He shared his opinion not to e-prescribe, he prefers a hand given prescription to allow him to shop around for pricing.</p>	
		<p>Dr. Handleman stated cost saving for Medicare only 50% physicians participated.</p>	

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		Sue Ellen appreciates his work and offered to assist. She feel strongly about trust consumers owning their data. She also mentioned the story about Henrietta Lax and her human tissue cells taken without permission. Because of this there is now a move.	
5.	Next Steps	Lieutenant Governor Wyman announced no meeting in July will take place this will allow for work groups to meet.	
6.	Next Meeting	The July 11, 2017 has been cancelled in order to allow members to meet with their work groups.	
7.	Adjourn	Motion to adjourn	Pat Baker motioned and Frances Padilla seconded.